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TO USDOC WASHDC IMMEDIATE  
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AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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FOR BEWT/TPD

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: BEXP, UR  
SUBJECT: "CONTAINERIZATION 77" SEMINAR/MINI-EXHIBIT

REF: USDOC 2293

1. EMBASSY COMOFF VISITED LENINGRAD MARCH 2 TO REVIEW POSSIBLE S/ME SITES WITH CONGEN DPO. CONTRARY TO THEIR EARLIER ASSURANCES, CHAMBER OFFICIALS CLAIMED THAT ONLY VIABLE POSSIBILITY FOR WEEK OF MAY 23 WOULD BE CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL SEMINAR/MINI-EXHIBIT AREA WITHIN LARGE EXHIBITION HALL AT CHAMBER'S EXHIBITION GROUNDS NEAR LENINGRAD PASSENGER PORT. COMOFF LEFT SKETCH OF NECESSARY CONFIGURATION (APPROXIMATING SIMILAR SPACE AT USCO) SO THAT CHAMBER ENGINEER COULD PREPARE ESTIMATE OF CONSTRUCTION COSTS.

2. CHAMBER HAS NOW INFORMED CONGEN THAT 4000 RUBLES (DOLS 5320) WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SIMPLE 200 SQ. METER ENCLOSURE WE ENVISION WITH EXTRA CHARGES FOR FALSE CEILING., PAINT AND CARPETING. (BAREBONE 120 SQ. METER ENCLOSURE WOULD COST 3000 RUBLES.) WHEN OTHER UNAVOIDABLE CHARGES AND EXPENSES FACTORED IN, BUDGET FOR LENINGRAD PORTION OF S/ME WOULD BE OVER DOLS. 10,000. WE BELIEVE THIS IS UNACCEPTABLY HIGH FOR EIGHT-FIRM, THREE-  
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DAY EVENT.

3. RECOMMENDATION:

A. THAT WE INFORM MINISTRY OF MARITIME FLEET (MORFLOT) THAT CHAMBER IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE SUITABLE SPACE IN LENINGRAD AT PRICE WE CAN AFFORD.

D. THAT WE STRESS TO MORFLOT OUR INTEREST IN REPEATING  
S/ME IN LENINGRAD AND ASK THAT THEY ASSIST US IN FINDING SUIT-  
ABLE SPACE, WITHOUT MINI-EXHIBIT AREA IF NECESSARY.

C. THAT WE INFORM MORFLOT THAT WE MUST CANCEL LENIN-  
GRAD PORTION IF SUITABLE SPACE CANNOT BE FOUND.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: IF USDOC CONCURS WITH ABOVE  
RECOMMENDATION, PLEASE ADVISE BY COB MONDAY, MARCH 21, SO THAT  
WE CAN SEEK APPOINTMENT AT MORFLOT ON WEDNESDAY. WE WILL ALSO  
NEED UPDATED REPORT ON RECRUITMENT WITH PROBABLE PAPER  
THEMES SO THAT WE CAN WHET MINISTRY'S APPETITE BEFORE MAKING  
OUR PITCH.  
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